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1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR OCTOBER 26, 1977. FYI ONLY, OFFICER AT TODAY'S BRIEFING WAS JOHN TRATTNER.

Q. ON THE APPOINTMENT LIST TODAY I SEE AT 3 O'CLOCK THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SECRETARY IS MEETING WITH A GROUP OF JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ROOM. I PRESUME FROM THE CHOICE OF THE ROOM THAT IT IS GOING TO BE MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE THERE -- IT'S GOING TO BE A FAIRLY SIZEABLE GROUP, A SEMI-PUBLIC GROUP. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY THIS IS CLOSED TO THE PRESS, AND I ASK THE QUESTION FOR TWO REASONS: ONE, OBVIOUSLY, WE ARE GOING TO FIND OUT SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT WENT ON IN THAT ROOM AND WE'RE GOING TO FIND IT OUT FROM THE PEOPLE AS THEY COME OUT; AND WE ARE GOING TO GET WHAT, BY ITS NATURE, WILL HAVE TO BE A ONE-SIDED POINT OF VIEW. FOR THE INTEREST OF ACCURACY, I THINK IT WOULD SERVE BOTH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC IF THIS WERE OPEN TO PRESS COVERAGE, AS FOR EXAMPLE, THE FOREIGN POLICY CONFERENCES HAVE BEEN, WHICH

TO MY KNOWLEDGE HAVE PROCEEDED WITH A GOOD AMOUNT OF CANDOR DESPITE THE PRESENCE OF WORKING PRESS.

A. I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO A CONFRONTATION ON THIS. AND WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE PRESS, THIS IS A MEETING OF LEADERS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES. I DON'T THINK THAT YOU CAN COMPARE IT TO A FOREIGN POLICY MEETING AND THE KIND THAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO, EITHER IN SIZE OR IN SCOPE. IT IS A PRIVATE MEETING -- THAT IS THE WAY IT HAS BEEN ARRANGED -- AND I WILL CERTAINLY NOTE YOUR POINT BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE CAN BE ANY CHANGE IN THE WAY IT'S BEEN SET UP.

Q. WHEN YOU SAY IT IS A PRIVATE MEETING, YOU MEAN THE SECRETARY WILL SPEAK TO THEM, WHAT, ON DEEP BACKGROUND OR OFF THE RECORD, OR ARE THEY NOT ALLOWED TO TELL ANYBODY WHAT WENT ON?

A. I HAVE BEEN TOLD, I THINK BY ONE OF YOUR COLLEAGUES AS A MATTER OF FACT, THAT THE RULES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE OFF THE RECORD, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT --
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Q. JUST FOR A MATTER OF INTEREST, HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT IS GOING TO STAY OFF THE RECORD?

A. I'M NOT GOING TO GET UP HERE AND OFFER YOU MY OPINION ON IT. I MEAN, I KNOW THE POINT YOU'RE MAKING.

Q. I WANT TO MAKE THE LARGER POINT WHICH IS THAT IT SEEMS TO ME INCONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN BY THIS ADMINISTRATION WHEN IT CAME TO OFFICE TO HAVE A SEMI-PUBLIC MEETING LIKE THIS WITH THE PRESS EXCLUDED. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE LARGER POINT THAT IN A CASE LIKE THIS, I THINK THE OPERATIVE QUESTION THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE ASKING ITSELF IS, "WHY NOT SHOULD PRESS BE INVOLVED?" RATHER THAN, "WHY SHOULD PRESS BE INVOLVED?"

A. ON MANY OCCASIONS I KNOW WE HAVE ASKED OURSELVES THAT QUESTION, "WHY NOT?" RATHER THAN, "WHY?" BUT ON THIS ONE, I'LL JUST HAVE TO STICK WITH THE ANSWER I'VE GIVEN YOU. IT IS NOT GOING TO BE THE SITUATION EVER, I THINK WHERE EVERY MEETING THAT WE HAVE, HOWEVER HIGH THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN IT MAY BE, IS GOING TO BE OPEN TO THE PRESS.

Q. WE UNDERSTAND THAT. WE WOULD NOT EXPECT TO BE ADMITTED, FOR EXAMPLE, INTO A MEETING BETWEEN TWO

DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTS, NEGOTIATING A DIPLOMATIC MEETING. THIS IS DIFFERENT. THIS, OBVIOUSLY, DOES NOT INVOLVE CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS. IT INVOLVES, IN FACT, A SEMI-PUBLIC MEETING.

A. I WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO NOTE YOUR POINT. I KNOW THAT
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YOU HAVE EXPRESSED IT TO OTHERS HERE, AND WE WILL CERTAINLY TRY TO TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE MEETINGS, BUT I WILL REPEAT, WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE IN A POSITION WHERE WE CAN OPEN EVERY MEETING TO YOU. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OPEN AS MANY OF THEM AS WE CAN.

Q. DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY "JEWISH LEADERS," AS YOU PUT IT, WILL BE THERE?

A. I DON'T.

Q. AT WHOSE INITIATIVE WAS THIS MEETING SET UP AND WHO SELECTED THE LEADERS TO ATTEND?

A. THE MEETING IS PART OF THE EFFORT BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO INFORM THESE LEADERS ABOUT OUR FOREIGN POLICY, TO GET THEIR VIEWS -- THEIR INFORMED VIEWS, I MIGHT ADD-- ABOUT THE POLICY THAT WE'RE FOLLOWING. WHO CHOSE THE INDIVIDUALS, I DON'T FACTUALLY KNOW.

Q. AT WHOSE INITIATIVE WAS IT TO HAVE SUCH A MEETING? DID THE ADMINISTRATION INVITE THEM SO THEY COULD --

A. AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE SECRETARY INVITED THEM.

Q. DID THE SECRETARY LAY DOWN THESE GROUND RULES OR DID THE JEWISH LEADERS SAY THEY DIDN'T WANT THE PRESS? WHO IS IT THAT DOESN'T WANT THE PRESS IN THERE, IS IT THE SECRETARY OR THE JEWISH LEADERS, OR BOTH?

A. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT, IF YOU WANT THE FACT OF IT, I CAN FIND THAT OUT FOR YOU.

Q. I WOULD URGE YOU, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION, NOT JUST TO MAKE NOTE OF OUR OBJECTION BUT TO TRY TO GET THE SITUATION CHANGED BEFORE 3 O'CLOCK.
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A. O.K.

Q. WITHOUT BELABORING IT, I HOPE, CAN YOU, WHEN YOU GET A RESPONSE, FIND OUT WHY IT IS OFF THE RECORD? WOULD IT BE BECAUSE HE IS GOING TO DISCLOSE CLASSIFIED SECRET

DOCUMENTS TO THEM, OR HE DOESN'T WANT THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIEW OF THE MIDDLE EAST TO BECOME PUBLIC, BECAUSE I REALLY CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT WOULD BE OFF THE RECORD?

A. YOU MIGHT MAKE A COMPARISON BETWEEN THIS MEETING AND A ONE-TO-ONE MEETING THAT ANY SENIOR OFFICIAL IN THIS BUILDING MIGHT HAVE WITH A LEADER OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OR A LEADER OF ANY OTHER INTEREST GROUP IN THIS COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY ARE NOT TALKING ON THE RECORD. THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO GO OUT AND TELL WHAT HE HAS HEARD TO THE WAITING PRESS, AND JUST BECAUSE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED HERE DOESN'T CHANGE THE POINT I'M TRYING TO MAKE, WHICH IS THAT EVERY

CONVERSATION THE SECRETARY HAS WITH AN INFORMED MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC CANNOT GO ON THE PUBLIC RECORD.

Q. YES. IT JUST MAKES THE SECRECY MORE ABSURD WHEN THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED AND TRYING TO MAINTAIN SECRECY ABOUT A POLICY OF, BASICALLY, MASSAGING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, WHICH IS WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR THE LAST WEEK.

A. WELL, THAT'S YOUR --

Q. THEY WANT THE MESSAGE OUT, AND I'M SURE AS SOON AS THEY GET BACK TO THEIR HOTEL ROOMS, THEY WILL CALL THE UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROPRIATE NEWSPAPERS AND TELL THEM WHAT HAPPENED, AND IT JUST MAKES IT A LITTLE MORE AWKWARD FOR THOSE OF US WHO DON'T WANT TO SPEND THE WHOLE NIGHT CHASING SO-CALLED "JEWISH LEADERS." I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY LEAD. THEY ARE A BUNCH OF PRIMINENT AMERICAN JEWS, I GUESS.

Q. IS THIS THE CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS?

A. I DON'T HAVE ANOTHER THING THAT DESCRIBES THE GROUP IN ANY WAY.

Q. RABBI SHINDLER, THE CHIEF --

A. I DON'T KNOW. LET ME SEE IF I CAN GET YOU ANSWERS ON WHO THE INVITEES WERE AND WHO THEY REPRESENT. BUT I WILL STICK TO WHAT I HAVE SAID HERE ABOUT THE PRINCIPLE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE LABELED AS "SECRETIVE" SIMPLY BECAUSE WE CANNOT MAKE EVERY MEETING A PUBLIC MEETING, AND I REJECT THAT DESCRIPTION.

Q. DOES THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON EFFORTS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE FOR PALESTINIANS AND, IF SO, DOES IT HAVE AN ATTITUDE ON THIS OR IS IT DOING ANYTHING IN RELATION TO THIS POSSIBILITY?

A. FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THERE WAS A REPORT THAT THE U.S. WAS WORKING WITH EGYPT AND THE SOVIET UNION TO MOVE THE PLO TO FORM A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE. THAT IS UNTRUE. THE ANSWER TO THAT ONE IS NO, WE ARE NOT.

Q. ARE WE DOING IT IN ANY OTHER WAY WITHOUT EGYPT?

A. NO.

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Q. WITHOUT THE SOVIET UNION?

A. NO TO ALL YOUR QUESTIONS ON THAT. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, MADE OUR POSITION CLEAR ON PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION IN GENEVA AND, JUST TO REPEAT WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD MANY TIMES, WE BELIEVE THEY MUST BE REPRESENTED IF THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION IS TO BE RESOLVED, BUT IT IS UP TO THE ORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS OF THE CONFERENCE TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS AND TO AGREE ON ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS.

Q. WOULD A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE FOR PALESTINIANS BE, IN THE VIEW OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, A FEASIBLE WAY TO HAVE PALESTINIANS REPRESENTED?

A. I AM GOING TO STOP WITH WHAT I HAVE SAID.

Q. IS THE GOVERNMENT AWARE OF EFFORTS UNDERWAY EVEN IF WE ARE NOT PROMOTING THEM OR COOPERATING WITH THEM? IS THE GOVERNMENT AWARE OF SUCH EFFORTS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE FOR PALESTINIANS?

A. I THINK MOST OF US HAVE READ PRESS REPORTS ABOUT IT.

Q. LET'S SAY, DO YOU HAVE ANY INDEPENDENT INFORMATION FROM YOUR OWN SOURCES THAT IN FACT SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS GOING ON, AND CAN YOU GIVE US A STATUS REPORT ON IT?

A. I THINK WE MIGHT. I CAN'T SAY THAT FOR SURE, BUT I CAN LOOK INTO IT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A STATUS REPORT ON WHAT WE HAVE HEARD, MAYBE I CAN EVEN GET THAT FOR YOU.

Q. DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY COMMENT OR RESPONSE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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AN ARTICLE IN THE WASHINGTON POST SAYING THAT ISRAEL IS PREPARING FOR A WAR THAT WOULD ANNIHILATE THE ARABS FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS?

A. NO.

Q. YOU ARE AWARE OF THE STORY?

A. YES.

Q. WHAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN IS, THE SAUDIS OVER THE PAST WEEKS HAVE BEEN TAKING YOUR MONEY OUT OF DOLLARS, NOT OUT OF SHORT-TERM GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, AND ESSENTIALLY PUTTING THEM INTO CITY OF LONDON INSTITUTIONS.

NOW, THERE WAS A MEETING HELD OVER THE PAST WEEKEND IN LONDON WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SAUDI AND KUWAITI GOVERNMENTS WHERE THEY WERE BEING PRESSURED AND PERSUADED TO DO THIS ON A MORE MASSIVE SCALE, WHICH WOULD HAVE VERY BAD CONSEQUENCES FOR THE DOLLAR AND FOR OUR ECONOMY.

WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS WHETHER IN ANY OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT PRINCE SAUD IS HAVING WITH ANYBODY HERE, THIS SUBJECT IS COMING UP, WHETHER WE ARE DISCUSSING WITH THE SAUDIS HOW TO STOP THIS, AND JUST HOW OUR CONCERN IS BEING EXPRESSED, IF IT IS AT ALL. IT IS A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION, AND THERE IS NO SENSE THAT THIS IS BEING REACTED TO BY THE GOVERNMENT.

A. MY OWN FEELING IS THAT IT HAS NOT COME UP. THE ONLY THING I CAN REFER TO YOU IS THE READ-OUTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT AT THE WHITE HOUSE. BEYOND THAT, I CAN'T TAKE YOU.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHETHER THERE IS ANY FACTUAL BASIS OF THIS INFORMATION? ARE YOU ENDORSING THAT, BY THE WAY YOU UNCLASSIFIED

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REACT, OR HAVE THERE IN FACT BEEN SUCH MOVEMENTS OF RUNNING OUT OF DOLLARS?

A. I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE IS ANY FACTUAL BASIS.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY RESPONSE TO ANOTHER REPORT IN THIS MORNING'S PAPER THAT THE ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE ISSUED A LONG JUSTIFICATION FOR GIVING SAFE HARBOR TO HIJACKERS? HAS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BEEN IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH THE ALGERIANS OVER THEIR ATTITUDE ON THIS?

A. NOT THAT I KNOW OF, NO.

Q. AND HAS THERE BEEN DISAGREEMENT WITH THEIR POLICY?

A. DO WE DISAGREE WITH IT?

Q. YES.

A. I THINK WE HAVE SPOKEN ON THAT SUBJECT. I DON'T WANT TO STAND HERE AND SAY WE DISAGREE FLATLY WITH THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT. FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW THEY PHRASED WHAT THEY ANNOUNCED. BUT, OBVIOUSLY WE DO NOT FEEL THAT GIVING SAFE HAVEN TO TERRORISTS IS A GOOD IDEA.

Q. I WONDER IF YOU COULD TAKE THAT QUESTION?

A. YES, I WILL TAKE IT.

Q. I WONDER WHETHER THEY COMPLAINED ABOUT IT AND THEN WHETHER THIS GOVERNMENT DISAGREES WITH THE POLICY AS EXPRESSED, JUST TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT THE U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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POSITION IS IN RESPONSE TO THAT ARGUMENT OF THEIRS.

Q. HAVE YOU HAD A FORMAL REPLY FROM SYRIA YET ON THE WORKING PAPER?

A. I THINK THE SECRETARY SAID AT SOME POINT IN THE LAST TWO OR THREE DAYS THAT WE DID. AND, IN FACT, GETTING BACK TO WHAT WE WENT THROUGH YESTERDAY ON THIS, I WILL SAY TO YOU, AFTER DILIGENT RESEARCH THIS MORNING IN MANY CORNERS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER ON THE WORKING PAPER, AND WE ARE CONTINUING THE EXCHANGES THROUGH DIPOMATIC CHANNELS.

Q. WHAT DOES ONE WAY OR ANOTHER MEAN? I MEAN, THROUGH THE NEWSPAPERS?

A. AND MY ANSWER TO THAT IS THAT I HAVE NO DETAILS.

Q. I JUST WONDERED IF YOU GOT OFFICIAL RESPONSES FROM ALL THE --. THE SECRETARY SAID YESTERDAY THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN INITIAL RESPONSE FROM SYRIA.

A. I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY ARE OFFICIAL, BUT I TAKE IT THAT -- WELL, I WON'T CHARACTERIZE IT. I WOULD RATHER LEAVE IT AS "IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER", IF YOU DON'T MIND.

Q. THE SYRIANS HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT A UNIFIED ARAB RESPONSE TO THE WORKING PAPER. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON WHETHER WE EXPECT ONE, AND, IF SO, WHEN?

A. I DON'T. I HAVE NO DETAILS AS TO WHAT THESE REPLIES HAVE BEEN. THE SECRETARY SAID YESTERDAY, I THINK, WHEN HE LEFT THE WHITE HOUSE THAT WE ARE IN A DELICATE STAGE IN THE EFFORT TO RECONVENE GENEVA. I WOULD ADD TO THAT THAT THE EFFORTS WE ARE MAKING ARE BEST SERVED THROUGH, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY AND REPEAT TODAY, QUIET DIPLOMACY.

Q. YOU WERE ASKED YESTERDAY WHETHER THE WORKING PAPERS NOW BEING AMENDED AS A RESULT OF THE REPLIES FROM THE ARABS, AND I THINK THAT WAS PERHAPS PREMATURE YESTERDAY.

NOW THAT THE REPLIES ARE IN, CAN YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION?

A. I CAN ONLY ANSWER BY SAYING THAT WE ARE NOT GOING INTO THE DETAILS OF EXCHANGES.

Q. I AM NOT ASKING FOR DETAILS, I AM ASKING ABOUT THE WORKING PAPERS.

A. THE ANSWER I AM GIVING YOU IS SIMPLY THAT, THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO DISCUSS WHAT WE ARE DOING IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORKING PAPERS.

Q. ON THE BASIS OF THESE RESPONSES, DO YOU STILL EXPECT THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL BE RECONVENED IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

A. ON THE BASIS -- ONCE AGAIN, GEORGE, THAT WOULD BE A COMMENT ON THE RESPONSES. SO I WILL NOT ANSWER IT THAT WAY. I WILL SIMPLY SAY, WE STILL HOPE THAT A CONFERENCE CAN BE CONVENED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

Q. IS THE SECRETARY PLANNING TO GO BACK TO THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. NO.

Q. TO FOLLOW UP THE PREVIOUS QUESTION HERE, I BELIEVE YOU SAID THAT THE SECRETARY HAS NOW SAID THAT THE POSSI-UNCLASSIFIED

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BILITY OF CONVENING OF GENEVA IS IN A "DELICATE STATE."

A. NO. I SAID THE NEGOTIATIONS AND EXCHANGES ARE IN A DELICATE STATE.

Q. WERE THEY NOT IN A DELICATE STATE BEFORE?

A. YES, AND BEFORE, WHENEVER THEY HAVE BEEN, WE HAVE GIVEN THE SAME ANSWER.

Q. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN. THERE IS NO DEVELOPMENT IN THE DELICACY THERE. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU SAY IT IS DELICATE STATE, IS WHAT MY QUESTION IS.

A. POSSIBLY THEY HAVE NEVER NOT BEEN IN A DELICATE STATE.

Q. IN OTHER WORDS, TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE, DO YOU FEEL THAT THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DELICATE. IN OTHER WORDS, I AM JUST TRYING TO FIND OUT HAS THE SECRETARY IN EFFECT ANNOUNCED THAT SUDDENLY THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BECOME DELICATE, OR HAVE THEY ALWAYS BEEN DELICATE?

A. NO, HE HAS NOT. THEY ARE NOT.

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